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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of:

Richard A. Schmidt

Application No. 10/655,889 Filed: September 4, 2003

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2848-28-PUS-1-1

DECISION GRANTING

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.47(b)

This Decision is in response to the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed May 20, 2004, to allow a person to whom an inventor has assigned or agreed in writing to assign the invention, or who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter justifying such action, to make application on behalf of and as agent for all inventors.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Richard A. Schmidt, refuses to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(b), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1773 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232

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